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Release of Funds to Weavers and Artisans
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the weavers and artisans are facing problems on account of funds not being actually made available to them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the weavers and artisans in the country are also facing shortage of marketing facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (d): The weavers and artisans in the country are working in Handloom, Handicrafts and Powerloom Sector which come under the unorganized /small scale sectors. In order to provide marketing and financial support to persons engaged in these sectors, Government is implementing several policy initiatives/schemes.

In the Handloom Sector, National Handloom Development Programme is being implemented for development of the sector and welfare of handlooms weavers is being promoted through Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana and Yarn Supply Scheme etc. These schemes ensure regular supply of basic raw materials to the handloom sector and help utilize the employment potential of the sector.

Under the National Handicrafts Development programme (NHDP), raw material depots are setup to make easy availability of quality and graded raw material to artisans/ entrepreneurs/ units at a reasonable rates. Other schemes such as Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna, Design & Technology Upgradation, Marketing and Support Services, Research and Development, Human Resource Development, Welfare Schemes and assistance for creation of Capital Infrastructure are implemented for overall development of Handicraft Sector and welfare of Handicrafts Artisans.

In the Powerloom sector, Government is implementing a number of schemes such as In-situ upgradation scheme for upgradation of plain powerlooms; Group workshed scheme for giving assistance for constructing workshed for powerloom sector; Group Insurance Scheme; Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) for extending assistance for marketing support in the form of Buyer Seller Meets, Yarn Bank, setting up of Common Facility Centres organizing Seminar/ Workshops etc. A corpus fund for yarn Bank is provided under the Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development, to provide interest free corpus to set up Yarn Banks.

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